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SUBJ: DANISH FONMIN'S LETTER RE CONGEN OFFICE SPACE IN LUANDA

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1. AMBASSADOR DYVIG, ACTING POL DIRECTOR IN MFA,
CALLED DCM DEC 16 TO REPORT THAT FONMIN ANDERSEN
HAD JUST SIGNED LETTER TO ANGOLAN VICE MINISTER OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ROBERTO ALMEIDA. (WE WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED CBLE BUT WE ARE ASSURED EXPRESS LETTER
WILL BE THERE BY DEC 21.)

2. LETTER BEINS WITH CONGRATULATIONS FOR
ALMEIDA'S PROMOTION, APPRECIATION FOR RECEPTION
GIVEN IN ANGOLA TO FONMIN LAST MONTH, AND HOPES
THAT THEIR FRIENDLY CONTACTS WILL CONTINUE.
LETTER THEN GOES ON TO STATE FOLLOWING (PARAPHRASE
OF KEY PARAGRAPH) BEGIN TEXT: IN LIGHT OF THE
EVIDENT EFFORTS BY THE USG TO BRING ANGOLA INTO
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, I WOULD TAKE THE
LIBERTY TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION TO A SMALL MATTER
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WHICH HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION BY THE
USG. IT APPEARS THAT THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT HAS
REQUESTED THAT THE SPACE OCCUPIED IN THE SECIL
BUILDING BY THE FORMER CONSULULATE GENERAL BE
VACATED. LOOKING AT THIS SITUATION IN THE WIDER
CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, I BELIEVE IT

WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF YOU COULD RECONSIDER
THIS DECISION. YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO ME OF THE
NEED FOR A WARM FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES; WHEN WE SPEAK OF FRIENDSHIP WE HOPE
THAT IT WILL WORK BOTH WAYS. I WOULD APPRECIATE,
THEREFORE, WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO SOLVE THIS
PROBLEM. END TEXT

3. COMMENT: WE HOPE THAT THIS LETTER WILL BE
HELPFUL AND ARRIVE IN TIME; JUDGING BY REF A
WE ASSUME THERE IS STILL POSSIBILITY OF
NEGOTIATION, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED
ANY INFO NOR GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT. END
COMMENT

4. WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION TO
AMBASSADOR DYVIG AND THROUGH HIM TO FONMIN
ANDERSEN, AND WE KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE INTERESTED
TO LEARN OF THE RESULT.
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